

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1678

Introduced by Assembly Members Lieu and Huber

January 25, 2010

An act relating to prisoners.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1678, as introduced, Lieu. Prisoners: release and recidivism.

Existing law provides generally for the release of prisoners from the state's prison system.

This bill would state the intent of the Legislature to later amend this bill to enact provisions that would prohibit the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) from releasing prisoners who have committed, or intend to commit, certain specified crimes; to require the CDCR to notify local law enforcement with certain specified information regarding released prisoners; and to require the CDCR to provide a list of crimes committed by prisoners being released early on the CDCR's Internet Web site.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. It is the intent of the Legislature to enhance public
- 2 safety and reduce recidivism by later amending into this bill
- 3 reasonable, common sense provisions that would mitigate the
- 4 effects of releasing thousands of convicted felons early without
- 5 parole supervision by doing all of the following:

- 1 (a) Prohibiting the California Department of Corrections and
2 Rehabilitation (CDCR) from releasing prisoners who have
3 committed, or intend to commit, serious, violent, or sexual crimes.
- 4 (b) Enabling local law enforcement agencies to object to the
5 early release of a convicted felon without parole supervision.
- 6 (c) Requiring the CDCR to notify local law enforcement
7 agencies within a reasonable time period prior to the release of
8 prisoners into a county with critical information about the identity,
9 location, and criminal history of the prisoners to be released.
- 10 (d) Requiring the CDCR to notify local law enforcement
11 agencies whenever a parolee does any of the following:
 - 12 (1) Absconds.
 - 13 (2) Tampers with a GPS or other tracking device.
 - 14 (3) Undertakes efforts to subvert a parole officers' ability to
15 monitor the parolee.
 - 16 (4) Requests and receives permission to relocate outside of the
17 community into which he or she was released.
- 18 (e) Requiring felons to provide identification to any law
19 enforcement officer upon request.
- 20 (f) Requiring the CDCR to provide a list of the crimes
21 committed by prisoners being released early without parole
22 supervision on the department's Internet Web site.